

exiled Thebans took refuge in Athens where they were organized & banded together by PELOPIDAS while his friend EPAMINONDAS was turning the youths in thebes

Pelopidas with a few followers reached thebes in disguise. A magistrate in league with them invited all the officials of the oligarchy except LEONIDAS to attend a banquet & while they were feasting, killed them. Others resided

wounded at his home & killed him also. A democracy was established and thebes was not freed from control of Sparta and a new Boeotian league was formed. Athens being dissatisfied with their action began negotiations with Sparta. Persia was invited to attend and the treaty of ANTALCIDAS was to be renewed when it came turn of thebes to satisfy the treaty, her delegate, EPAMINONDAS refused. He changed military tactics

& organized his followers into what was known as the Sacred Band  
371 BC. A severe battle took place @ Leuctra (near Thebes) resulting in a complete defeat of the Spartans by Epaminondas & Thebes became supreme.

### 371 BC. Battle Leuctra

#### WAR Between Sparta & Thebes

Many cities in CHALCIDICE had formed a league for self protection, particularly against Macedonia. This league in a short time grew so powerful that Sparta was jealous and so destroyed it, and at the same time PHOEBIDAS took CADMEA, the citadel of Thebes.

Thebes was now ruled by Aristocrats supported by the Spartans and many of the